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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I enclose herewith a letter dated 22 July 1992 from Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the continuation by American and British aircraft of the dropping of thermal flares on farmlands in Ninawa governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the attached letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 22 July 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letters dated 23 and 28 June 1992, I have the honour to inform you that American and British aircraft, as part of their continuing attempts to inflict as much damage as possible on the food supply of the people of Iraq, have continued to drop thermal flares on farmlands in Ninawa governorate, setting them ablaze. Details of these new incidents are given below.

1. At 1300 hours on 28 June 1992, the aircraft set fire to fields of stubble situated between the villages of Shaykh Amir and Maftiyah in Ninawa governorate, in an area of some 200 dunums.
2. At 1112 hours on 8 July 1992, an A-10 aircraft dropped a thermal flare in an area north-west of Saddam in Ninawa governorate.
3. At 1530 hours on 9 July 1992, the aircraft set fire to fields of stubble near the village of Khadar belonging to Nimrud subdistrict in Ninawa governorate.
4. At 1345 hours on 13 July 1992, one of the aircraft ignited three thermal flares over a southern suburb of Mosul (Ninawa governorate).

With the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom determined to increase the harm done to Iraq and its people and to infringe its sovereignty and security by continuing to have their aircraft set farmlands ablaze in Ninawa governorate, we are still awaiting your response to our appeal that you take steps in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter to put an end to such acts and prevent them from recurring.

Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Iraq again charges the United States and United Kingdom Governments with full responsibility for engaging in internationally prohibited acts, as described in my letters of 23 and 28 June 1992 and in the present letter, and reiterates its request that the Security Council convene a special meeting to condemn those acts and to call upon the two Governments to desist therefrom and to pay compensation for the material damage they have inflicted upon Iraq and its people.
